

PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Some things to remember...

- Only those areas designated “reservable” may be reserved.
- Reservation agreements may not be entered into by minors (17 years & under). An adult, 18 and over must be present at all times during the reservation.
- The person signing the application is responsible for any loss or damage during the reservation.
- No subcontract for facility use or rental is allowed without prior Kelso Parks and Recreation Department approval.
- No announcements, publicity or advertising is to be done for events at park facilities until you have paid for and received an approved reservation application.
- Groups must do their own set up and cleanup. Set up and cleanup is to be included in your park use time. Items brought into the facility are to be taken out at the end of the facility use. For PM reservations activities must end by dusk or no later than 9PM with clean up completed by 10PM.
- Structures such as tents must have prior approval. All structures must comply with fire, planning, and building codes.

TENTS OVER 400 SQ FT (20'x20') WILL REQUIRE A BUILDING PERMIT.
FEES ARE BASED UPON TOTAL PROJECT VALUATION (FAIR MARKET LABOR + MATERIALS).

ADDITIONAL FEES AND PARK RENTAL DAYS MY BE REQUIRED TO
ACCOMMODATE MANDATORY FIRE INSPECTIONS PRIOR TO TENT USE.



Please report facility safety concerns immediately to the Kelso Parks and Recreation Department. In an emergency call the Police Department by dialing 911.

You must follow all other policies, procedures, and rules for park use and conform to all applicable State, County and Local codes and laws.

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KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE - CHAPTER 12.20 - PARKS

CAMPING: It is unlawful to camp or remain overnight in any park except at places and at such times which may be set aside for such purposes by the director. (KMC 12.20.050)

CONCESSIONS: Except as provided in this chapter, it is unlawful to sell refreshments or merchandise in any park without the written permission of the director or concession contract with the city. (KMC 12.20.060)

DESTRUCTION OF PARK PROPERTY: It is unlawful to willfully destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, monument, statue, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, lawn or grass, plant, flower, lighting system or sprinkling system or other property lawfully in any park or ball field. No foreign matter, such as sawdust or sand, may be added to any field in order to use the field in wet weather without the consent of the superintendent. (KMC 12.20.070)

DOGS: It is unlawful to suffer or permit any dog to run at large in any park or to enter any lake, pond, and fountain or stream therein. For the purposes of this section, dogs must be on a leash or tether and under control of a responsible person while in any park. Further, it is unlawful to permit any dog or animal to defecate in any park in violation of KMC 6.04.230 (KMC 12.20.080)

FIRES: It is unlawful to build any fire in any park except in an area designated and so posted by the director. (KMC 12.20.90)

PARK HOURS: All city parks shall be open from 6:00 am to dusk, except the skate park which shall be open from 7:00 am to dusk. It is unlawful to enter or be in any park between dusk and 6:00 am of any day, except when any park is opened between such hours by the director for a special occasion; provided, this section shall not prohibit persons from simply passing through any park. (KMC 12.20.100)

INTERFERENCE WITH CITY EMPLOYEES: It is unlawful for any person to interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the city while performing their official duties. (KMC 12.20.110)

INTOXICATING LIQUOR: It is unlawful to consume in any park any whiskey, wine, beer or other intoxicating liquor except as may be permitted under a license or permit issued by the State Liquor Control Board and authorized by the City Manager or his or her designee. (KMC 12.20.120)

LITTERING: It is unlawful to throw any refuse, litter, broken glass, and crockery, nails, shrubbery, trimmings, junk or advertising matter in any park or to deposit any such material therein except in designated receptacles. (KMC 12.20.130)

NOISE

(1) It is unlawful for any person to use, operate, or play or permit to be used, operated or played in any park any radio, tape player, television, musical instrument, record player or any other machine or device producing or reproducing sound at a volume that is audible at a distance over 30 feet therefrom, except pursuant to a permit issued by the director or for events provided or sponsored by the city.

(2) Subject to park availability, the director may grant or grant with conditions a permit for an exception to subsection (1) of this section if the use of the sound amplification equipment:

- (a) Will not constitute a public nuisance;
- (b) Will not endanger the public health or safety;
- (c) Will not endanger public property; or
- (d) Is associated with an event that is open to the general public.
- (e) Complies with KMC 9.08.010 (KMC 12.20.095)

RACING: It is unlawful to engage in, conduct or hold any trials or competitions for speed, endurance or hill climbing involving any vehicle, boat, aircraft or animal in any park. (KMC 12.20.140)

SIGNS: It is unlawful to place or erect any sign board, sign, billboard or device of any kind for advertising in any park without the prior consent of the park board. It is unlawful to post any other sign, decoration or erect any structure in any park without the prior consent of the park board. (KMC 12.20.150)

SOLICITATION: It is unlawful for any person to act as a peddler or solicitor, or sell or offer for sale any merchandise or service, or to seek or solicit donations or operate or use any loudspeakers in any park without a written permit issued by the city. (KMC 12.20.160)

SPORTS: It is unlawful to practice or play golf, baseball, softball, football, archery, soccer, hockey, tennis, badminton or other games of like character or to hurl or propel any airborne or other missile in such a manner as to interfere with other park users, except in those areas designated for such usage by the director. (KMC 12.20.170)

TOBACCO AND CANNABIS PROHIBITED: The smoking of tobacco or cannabis products is prohibited in all city parks except that smoking of tobacco is allowed in designated areas. The designated areas where tobacco use is allowed shall be the parking areas within the city parks and such other areas as the director may designate by posting signage. (KMC 12.20.125)

WATERCRAFT: It is unlawful to have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other watercraft in or upon any slough, river or creek within the limits of any park, or to land the same at any point upon the shores thereof bordering upon any park, except at places set apart for such purposes by the board and so designated by signs and except in a case of an emergency. (KMC 12.20.180)

WEAPONS AND FIREWORKS: Firearms, bows, arrows, and slingshots are prohibited in any park. It is unlawful to shoot, fire or explode any firearms, fireworks, firecracker, torpedo or explosive of any kind or to shoot or fire any air gun, BB gun, pellet gun, bow and arrows, or sue any slingshot in any park; provided, the proper authorities, with the consent of the director of parks, may issue permits for use of safe and sane fireworks in specified areas where fire hazards will not be increased and where the use of the fireworks will be under proper supervision and fireworks displays may be permitted upon securing of a proper permit pursuant to state law and other city ordinances; provide further, this section shall not prevent establishment in any park of a properly designated archery range or course. (KMC 12.20.190)

VEHICLE OPERATION: It is unlawful to ride or drive any bicycle, motor vehicle, horse or pony over or through any park except along and upon the park drives, parkways, park boulevards and/or appropriately marked paths; or at a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour, or to stand or park any vehicle except in areas designated and posted by the director. Any car parked in an area not designated by the director for parking, or otherwise parked in violation of this chapter or in such a way as to obstruct traffic, or any car which is apparently abandoned in any park, may be summarily removed and impounded up order of the director. (KMC 12.20.200)
